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now in use. It is a good boat, splendid for light work, and answers nicely here in fine weather; but when the wind blows, as it does most of the day, the boat is thrown about by the waves. In spite of care, it has already received some hard knocks against the sides of vessels. The disinfecting house is now being painted by the 2 attendants in their spare time, it being intended to put on one coat of ocher and two of white zinc paint.

The health of the port remains about the same. The mortality this week was 44, a slight increase, probably due to the continued drought and dust, although we have had two light rains.

Respectfully, yours,

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*Sanitary report from Matanzas.*

MATANZAS, CUBA, *May 22, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended May 20: Thirty deaths were reported during the week, representing an annual mortality of 39.16 per 1,000. The principal causes were as follows: Tuberculosis, 5; malaria, 4; hydræmia, 4; enteritis, 4; typhoid fever, 1; infectious fever, 1. I find that the "fiebre infecciosa" of the physicians here may be usually considered an undiagnosed case of typhoid fever.

The following cases of an infectious or contagious nature were reported during the week: Diphtheria, 4; typhoid fever, 1; infectious fever, 1; varicella, 1.

The schooner *Anita* was disinfected on the 19th and 20th, and proceeded to her destination, Pascagoula, on the 21st. Seven vaccination certificates were issued during the week, and 3 persons vaccinated. The weather still continues dry, but warmer.

Very respectfully,

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*Report from Havana.*

HAVANA, CUBA, *May 24, 1899.*

SIR: On Monday night, May 22, a strike was inaugurated by the lighter men who discharge vessels anchored in the open bay.

The steamships *Seguranca* and *Olivette*, due to arrive to-day, could not have been unloaded on account of this strike. The agents of these steamers applied for permission to bring these vessels alongside of wharf on the Havana side of the harbor. I wired for such permission, to the Bureau, and received permission for said vessels to be so placed. I gave the authority to the agents to land between Machina and Caballeria Wharf. I consider that the points at which these vessels will be placed are the best on the Havana side of the harbor.

The steamship *Olivette* arrived here this morning at 5.30. I was there at the dock when the vessel landed and gave instructions to the master of the vessel to allow none of his crew to go ashore, and to allow no one except stevedores and passengers going to the United States to come on